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STONY POINT DEVELOPER PLEADS
GUILTY TO FEDERAL FORGERY CHARGE

JAMES B. COMEY, the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York; PASQUALE D'AMURO, the Assistant Director In Charge of the FBI's New York Field Office; and MICHAEL E. BONGIORNO, the District Attorney of Rockland County, announced that ABRAHAM GOLDBERGER, a real estate developer who has worked in the Town of Stony Point in Rockland County, today pled guilty in Manhattan federal court to forgery before United States District Judge BARBARA S. JONES.

The charge carries a maximum 10-year prison sentence and \$250,000 fine. Judge JONES scheduled sentencing for January 19, 2004.

The charge to which GOLDBERGER pled guilty alleges that in December 2000, GOLDBERGER caused a Town of Stony Point check in the amount of \$4,785 to be falsely endorsed and deposited in an account he controlled at the Union State Bank. GOLDBERGER today admitted that he falsely endorsed that check in order to

deceive the Town.

Mr. COMEY thanked the Rockland County District Attorney's Office for its assistance in this joint investigation, which has also led to recent guilty pleas by Stony Point Town Supervisor STEVEN M. HURLEY, and praised the investigative efforts of the FBI in this case.

Assistant United States Attorneys STEPHEN J. RITCHIN and JONATHAN LEIKEN are in charge of the prosecution.

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